

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior

§ 884.17

§ 884.15 State reclamation plan amendments.

(a) A State may, at any time, submit to the Director a proposed amendment or revision to its approved reclamation plan. If the amendment or revision changes the objectives, scope or major policies followed by the State in the conduct of its reclamation program, the Director shall follow the procedures set out in § 884.14 in approving or disapproving an amendment or revision of a State reclamation plan.

(b) The Director shall promptly notify the State of all changes in the Act, the Secretary's regulations or other circumstances which may require an amendment to the State reclamation plan.

(c) The State shall promptly notify OSM of any conditions or events that prevent or impede it from administering its State reclamation program in accordance with its approved State reclamation plan.

(d) State reclamation plan amendments may be required by the Director when—

(1) Changes in the Act or regulations of this chapter result in the approved State reclamation plan no longer meeting the requirements of the Act or this chapter; or

(2) The State is not conducting its State reclamation program in accordance with the approved State reclamation plan.

(e) If the Director determines that a State reclamation plan amendment is required, the Director, after consultation with the State, shall establish a reasonable timetable which is consistent with established administrative or legislative procedures in the State for submitting an amendment to the reclamation plan.

(f) Failure of a State to submit an amendment within the timetable established under paragraph (e) of this section or to make reasonable or diligent efforts in that regard may result in either the suspension of the reclamation plan under § 884.16, reduction, suspension or termination of existing AML grants under § 886.18, or the withdrawal from consideration for approval

of all grant applications submitted under § 886.15.

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§ 884.16 Suspension of plan.

(a) The Director may suspend a State reclamation plan in whole or in part, if he determines that—

(1) Approval of the State regulatory program has been withdrawn in whole or in part;

(2) The State is not conducting the State reclamation program in accordance with its approved State reclamation plan; or

(3) The State has not submitted a reclamation plan amendment within the time specified under § 884.15.

(b) If the Director determines that the plan should be suspended, the Director shall notify the State by mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed action. The notice of proposed suspension shall state the reasons for the proposed action. Within 30 days the State must show cause why such action should not be taken. The Director shall afford the State an opportunity for consultation, including a hearing if requested by the State and performance of remedial action prior to the notice of suspension.

(c) The Director shall notify the State of his decision in writing. The decision of the Director shall be final.

(d) The Director shall lift the suspension if he determines that the deficiencies that led to suspension have been corrected.

[47 FR 28600, June 30, 1982, as amended at 51 FR 9444, Mar. 19, 1986]

§ 884.17 Other uses by certified States and Indian tribes.

(a) The reclamation plan for a certified State or Indian tribe may provide for the construction of specific public facilities related to the coal or minerals industries in States impacted by coal or minerals development. This form of assistance is available when the Governor of the State or the head of a governing body of an Indian tribe determines there is a need for such activities or construction and the Director concurs.

(b) Grant applications for uses other than coal reclamation by certified

States and Indian tribes may be submitted in accordance with §885.15 of this chapter.

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PART 885—GRANTS FOR CERTIFIED STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES

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§ 885.1 What does this part do?

This part sets forth procedures for grants to you, a State or Indian tribe that has certified under §875.13 of this chapter that all known coal reclamation problems in your State or on Indian lands within your jurisdiction have been addressed. OSM's "Final Guidelines for Reclamation Programs and Projects" (66 FR 31250, June 11, 2001) may be used if applicable.

§ 885.5 Definitions.

As used in this part—

Award means to approve our grant agreement authorizing you to draw down and expend program funds.

Distribute means to annually assign funds to a specific State or Indian tribe. After distribution, funds are available for award in a grant to that specific State or Indian tribe.

Reclamation plan or *State reclamation plan* means a plan that a State or In-

dian tribe submitted and that we approved under section 405 of SMCRA and part 884 of this chapter.

§ 885.10 Information collection.

In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements for all Title IV grants and assigned clearance number 1029-0059. This information is being collected to obtain an estimate from you, the certified State or Indian tribe, of the funds you believe necessary to implement your program and to provide OSM with a means to measure performance results under the Government Performance and Results Act through your obligations of funds. Certified States and Indian tribes are required to respond to obtain a benefit in accordance with SMCRA. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

§ 885.11 Who is eligible for a grant?

You are eligible for grants under this part if:

- (a) You are a State or Indian tribe with a reclamation plan approved under part 884 of this chapter; and
- (b) You have certified under §875.13 of this chapter that all known coal problems in your State or on Indian lands in your jurisdiction have been addressed.

§ 885.12 What can I use grant funds for?

(a) For all awards under this part, you must use moneys for activities authorized in SMCRA and included in your approved reclamation plan or described in the grant application. In addition, you may use moneys granted under this part to administer your approved reclamation program.

(b)(1) You may use grant funds as established for each type of funds you receive.

(2) You may use prior balance replacement funds as provided under §872.31 of this chapter.

(3) You may use certified in lieu funds as provided under §872.34 of this chapter.